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Today's Topics:

 DXpedition 6m & HF
 FCC on Internet
 Guide to the Personal Radio Newsgroups
 Index to the rec.radio.amateur.* Supplemental Archives
 sacred freqs
 Was this a bad idea?

Send Replies or notes for publication to: <Info-Hams@UCSD.Edu>
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(by FTP only) from UCSD.Edu in directory "mailarchives/info-hams".

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 15 May 1994 11:56:16 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!EU.net!uknet!
keele!poa01@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: DXpedition 6m & HF
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The joint services expedition to Ellesmere Island (VE8)
was due to reach its destination (80.38, 85.26W) on
14 May and to begin operation asap thereafter. This is
a scientific expedition with limited radio time, but
has beacons with 50018 or 50005 xtals with 15watts and
28192.5 with 28197.5 backup. Beacon pattern is 190 (short)
dots at 38dpm, followed by c/s de VE8RAF at 15wpm. Operating
pattern ODD dates 28MHz, EVEN dates 50MHz initially; daily
if power allows up to about 12 Aug.

Expedition has 50MHz transceiver; likely freq. not known. Grid

thought to be FQ12.

HF frequencies (cw) 3515, 7015, 10112, 14005, 18070, 21055. cw preferred mode but may use 14142, 14290, 21290 ssb. Callsign VE8RAF, operator G0BHA.

Expedition requests reports on ALL instances of beacon reception. Psee-mail me (G3USF) at poa01@cc.keele.ac.uk or by packet to G4SRH@N6QMY

Martin G3USF

Date: 14 May 1994 08:44:25 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.umbc.edu!eff!news.kei.com!hookup!news2.sprintlink.net!news.sprintlink.net!news.clark.net!news.clark.net!not-for-mail@network.UCSD
Subject: FCC on Internet
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

PRENTICE@snycanva.BITNET (James Prentice WA2MZF) writes:

>The FCC in February 1994 connected to the Internet.
>
>use anonymous ftp at ftp.fcc.gov. "for me it is ftp fcc.gov"
>The site stores the FCC's daily, digests, public notices etc.

You can also reach it by Gopher (gopher fcc.gov), but they tend not to update the gopher menus as frequently as they add files, so you may miss some interesting information if you rely exclusively on gopher.

>The FCC plans additional services as the host is developed.

One of the future services they promise is a mailing list so that at least some of the files can be accessed via email. Until they get that running, I am providing a finger service whereby you can obtain the current day's files from fcc.gov by simply fingering my account:

finger rjk@telcomlaw.com

(Note: In issuing this command you may want to turn on your capture buffer or redirect the output to a local file as the .plan file is many screens long. Those who do not have finger capability can use one of the several email finger servers. For example, address an email to:

jfesler@netcom.com

with the following in the subject line:

#finger rjk@telcomlaw.com

and you will get back an email containing the current day's fcc materials.
I attempt to update the file each business day between approximately
11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Enjoy!

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Date: Sun, 15 May 1994 13:45:32 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!crcnis1.unl.edu!
news.unomaha.edu!news@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Guide to the Personal Radio Newsgroups
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Posted-By: auto-faq 3.2.1.2
Archive-name: radio/personal-intro
Revision: 1.5 12/18/93 14:15:53
Changes: new mailing lists, .packet rmgroup, and .policy updates

(Note: The following is reprinted with the permission of the author.)

This message describes the rec.radio.amateur.*, rec.radio.cb, rec.radio.info, and rec.radio.swap newsgroups. It is intended to serve as a guide for the new reader on what to find where. Questions and comments may be directed to the author, Jay Maynard, K5ZC, by Internet electronic mail at jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu. This message was last changed on 18 September 1993 to add the mailing lists for the new rec.radio.amateur newsgroups, to note the rmgroup of rec.radio.amateur.packet, and to officially retire some (in)famous threads of discussion on rec.radio.amateur.policy.

History
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Way back when, before there was a Usenet, the Internet hosted a mailing list for hams, called (appropriately enough) INFO-HAMS. Ham radio discussions were held on the mailing list, and sent to the mailboxes of those who had signed up for it. When the Usenet software was created, and net news as we now know it was developed, a newsgroup was created for hams: net.ham-radio. The mailing list and the newsgroup were gatewayed together, eventually.

As the net grew, and as packet radio came into vogue, packet discussion began to dominate other topics in the group and on the list. This resulted in the logical solution: a group was created to hold the packet discussion, and another corresponding mailing list was created as well: net.ham-radio.packet and PACKET-RADIO, respectively.

These two groups served for several years, and went through Usenet's Great Renaming essentially unchanged, moving from net.ham-radio[.packet] to rec.ham-radio[.packet]. Readership and volume grew with the rest of the network.

The INFO-HAMS mailing list was originally run from a US Army computer at White Sands Missile Range, SIMTEL20. There were few problems with this arrangement, but one was that the system was not supposed to be used for commercial purposes. Since one of hams' favorite pastimes is swapping gear, it was natural for hams to post messages about equipment for sale to INFO-HAMS/rec.ham-radio. This ran afoul of SIMTEL20's no-commercial-use restriction, and after some argument, a group was created specifically for messages like that: rec.ham-radio.swap. This group wasn't gatewayed to a mailing list, thus avoiding problems.

While all this was happening, other folks wanted to discuss other aspects of the world of radio than the personal communications services. Those folks created the rec.radio.shortwave and rec.radio.noncomm newsgroups, and established the precedent of the rec.radio.* hierarchy, which in turn reflected Usenet's overall trend toward a hierarchical name structure.

The debate between proponents of a no-code ham radio license and its opponents grew fierce and voluminous in late 1989 and 1990. Eventually, both sides grew weary of the debate, and those who had not been involved even more so. A proposal for a newsgroup dedicated to licensing issues failed. A later proposal was made for a group that would cover the many recurring legal issues discussions. During discussion of the latter proposal, it became clear that it would be desirable to fit the ham radio groups under the rec.radio.* hierarchy. A full-blown reorganization was passed by Usenet voters in January 1991, leading to the overall structure we now use.

After the reorganization, more and more regular information postings began to appear, and were spread out across the various groups in rec.radio.*. Taking the successful example of the news.answers group, where informational postings from across the net are sent, the group rec.radio.info was created in December, 1992, with Mark Salyzyn, VE6MGS, initially serving as moderator.

In January, 1993, many users started complaining about the volume in rec.radio.amateur.misc. This led to a discussion about a second reorganization, which sparked the creation of a mailing list by Ian Kluft, KD6EUI. This list, which was eventually joined by many of the most prolific

posters to the ham radio groups, came up with a proposal to add 11 groups to the rec.radio.amateur hierarchy in April 1993. The subsequent vote, held in May and early June, approved the creation of five groups:

rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc (to replace .packet), .equipment, .homebrew, .antenna, and .space.

The Current Groups

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I can hear you asking, "OK, so this is all neat history, but what does it have to do with me now?" The answer is that the history of each group has a direct bearing on what the group is used for, and what's considered appropriate where.

The easy one is rec.radio.amateur.misc. It is what rec.ham-radio was renamed to during the reorganization. Any message that's not more appropriate in one of the other groups belongs here, from contesting to DX to ragchewing on VHF to information on becoming a ham.

The group rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc is for discussions related to (surprise!) digital amateur radio. This doesn't have to be the common two-meter AX.25 variety of packet radio, either; some of the most knowledgeable folks in radio digital communications can be found here, and anything in the general area is welcome. The name was changed to emphasize this, and to encourage discussion not only of other text-based digital modes, such as AMTOR, RTTY, and Clover, but things like digital voice and video as well. The former group, rec.radio.amateur.packet, should be removed by September 21st, 1993. It is obsolete, and you should use .digital.misc instead (or the appropriate new mailing list, mentioned below). The group has .misc as part of the name to allow further specialization if the users wish it, such as .digital.tcp-ip.

The swap group is now rec.radio.swap. This recognizes a fact that became evident shortly after the original group was formed: Hams don't just swap ham radio gear, and other folks besides hams swap ham equipment. If you have radio equipment, or test gear, or computer stuff that hams would be interested in, here's the place. Equipment wanted postings belong here too. Discussions about the equipment generally don't; if you wish to discuss a particular posting with the buyer, email is a much better way to do it, and the other groups, especially .equipment and .homebrew, are the place for public discussions. There is now a regular posting with information on how to go about buying and selling items in rec.radio.swap; please refer to it before you post there.

The first reorganization added two groups to the list, one of which is rec.radio.amateur.policy. This group was created as a place for all the discussions that seem to drag on interminably about the many rules, regulations, legalities, and policies that surround amateur radio, both existing and proposed. Recent changes to the Amateur Radio Rules (FCC

Part 97) have finally laid to rest the Great Usenet Pizza Autopatch Debate as well as complaints about now-preempted local scanner laws hostile to amateurs, but plenty of discussion about what a bunch of rotten no-goodniks the local frequency coordinating body is, as well as the neverending no-code debate, may still be found here.

The other added group is `rec.radio.cb`. This is the place for all discussion about the Citizens' Band radio service. Such discussions have been very inflammatory in `rec.ham-radio` in the past; please do not cross-post to both `rec.radio.cb` and `rec.radio.amateur.*` unless the topic is genuinely of interest to both hams and CBers - and very few topics are.

The `rec.radio.info` group is just what its name implies: it's the place where informational messages from across `rec.radio.*` may be found, regardless of where else they're posted. As of this writing, information posted to the group includes Cary Oler's daily solar propagation bulletins, ARRL bulletins, the Frequently Asked Questions files for the various groups, and radio modification instructions. This group is moderated, so you cannot post to it directly; if you try, even if your message is crossposted to one of the other groups, your message will be mailed to the moderator, who is currently Mark Salzyn, VE6MGS. The email address for submissions to the group is `rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca`. Inquires and other administrivia should be directed to `rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca`. For more information about `rec.radio.info`, consult the introduction and posting guidelines that are regularly posted to that newsgroup.

The groups `rec.radio.amateur.antenna`, `.equipment`, `.homebrew`, and `.space` are for more specialized areas of ham radio: discussions about antennas, commercially-made equipment, homebrewing, and amateur radio space operations. The `.equipment` group is not the place for buying or selling equipment; that's what `rec.radio.swap` is for. Similarly, the `.space` group is specifically about amateur radio in space, such as the OSCAR program and SAREX, the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment; other groups cover other aspects of satellites and space. Homebrewing isn't about making your own alcoholic beverages at home (that's `rec.crafts.brewing`), but rather construction of radio and electronic equipment by the amateur experimenter.

Except for `rec.radio.swap` and `rec.radio.cb`, all of these newsgroups are available by Internet electronic mail in digest format; send a mail message containing "help" on a line by itself to `listserv@ucsd.edu` for instructions on how to use the mail server.

All of the groups can be posted to by electronic mail, though, by using a gateway at the University of Texas at Austin. To post a message this way, change the name of the group you wish to post to by replacing all of the `'.'`s with `'-'`s - for example, `rec.radio.swap` becomes `rec-radio-swap` - and send to that name@cs.utexas.edu (`rec-radio-swap@cs.utexas.edu`, for example). You may crosspost by including multiple addresses as `Cc:` entries (but see below). This

gateway's continued availability is at the pleasure of the admins at UT-Austin, and is subject to going away at any time - and especially if forgeries and other net.abuses become a problem. You have been warned.

A Few Words on Crossposting

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Please do not crosspost messages to two or more groups unless there is genuine interest in both groups in the topic being discussed, and when you do, please include a header line of the form "Followup-To: group.name" in your article's headers (before the first blank line). This will cause followups to your article to go to the group listed in the Followup-To: line. If you wish to have replies to go to you by email, rather than be posted, use the word "poster" instead of the name of a group. Such a line appears in the headers of this article.

One of the few examples of productive cross-posting is with the rec.radio.info newsgroup. To provide a filtered presentation of information articles, while still maintaining visibility in their home newsgroups, the moderator strongly encourages cross-posting. All information articles should be submitted to the rec.radio.info moderator so that he may simultaneously cross-post your information to the appropriate newsgroups. Most newsreaders will only present the article once, and network bandwidth is conserved since only one article is propagated. If you make regular informational postings, and have made arrangements with the moderator to post directly to the group, please cross-post as appropriate.

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can
jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity.

"If my car ran OS/2, it'd be there by now" -- bumper sticker

GCS d++ p+ c++ l+ m+/- s/++ g++ w++ t+ r

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73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

pschleck@unomaha.edu

Date: Sun, 15 May 1994 13:45:14 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!crcnis1.unl.edu!
news.unomaha.edu!news@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Index to the rec.radio.amateur.* Supplemental Archives

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Posted-By: auto-faq 3.2.1.2

Archive-name: radio/ham-radio/archives

The following is a list of informational files for this newsgroup available via anonymous FTP from ftp.cs.buffalo.edu or the Australia/Asian-Pacific mirror at grivel.une.edu.au.

Questions to bowen@cs.buffalo.edu

1750m.band	- misc info on the 1750m band
222xvtr.zip	- PostScript code for KH6CP no-tune 222-MHz transverter
8085sys.zip	- 8085 system software, from QEX 11/93 and 12/93
alinco_180t_mod	- Alinco 180T modification for a TNC connection
ampr_coordinators	- coordinators for packet IP addresses
antenna_refs	- references for articles about antenna designs
antique_radio_info	- misc info about antique radio collecting
arrl-logo.ps	- ARRL logo in PostScript format
arrl_bib	- bibliographies from ARRL literature (ASCII format)
arrl_digital_minutes	- Minutes of the ARRL committee on digital comm.
arrl_fo_jobs	- descriptions of some ARRL Field Organization jobs
arrl_info_service	- announcement of the ARRLs trial information service
bbs_interface_specs	- specifications for message passing protocol
cal_pd_freq	- California police frequencies
callbook.tar.Z	- sources for the Buffalo callsign server v1.3
canadian.Z	- Canadian ham database in FCC format
carpet.loop.2	- Antenna for apartments and small spaces
clubcalls.Z	- database of US ham clubs
comb6.zip	- HF Propagation Predication program
docket_91-36	- information regarding the proposed scanner regs
dxcc-k2di	- ARRL DXCC country list
dx_w2iol.dat	- data for all country prefix, position, etc
dx_w2iol.doc	- documentation for the above database
element_credit	- rules about VE credit for earlier exams
elmers_admin	- information about the elmers list (see below)
elmers_index	- quick reference index of elmers
elmers_list	- list of elmers on the network
exam_ops	- info on exams and exam opportunities
faq_callsign	- frequently asked questions about the callsign server
faq_ham_1	- frequently asked questions about ham radio (pts 1)
faq_ham_2	- frequently asked questions about ham radio (pts 2)
faq_ham_3	- frequently asked questions about ham radio (pts 3)
faq_packet	- frequently asked questions about packet radio
faq_satellite	- frequently asked questions about satellites
faq_shortwave	- frequently asked questions about shortwave
fcc_part_97_1	- text of the FCC part 97 amateur regulations (part 1)
fcc_part_97_2	- text of the FCC part 97 amateur regulations (part 2)
fcc_part_97_3	- text of the FCC part 97 amateur regulations (part 3)
fft.com	- EGA/VGA DOS command for spectral display (QST 1/92)
ffth.com	- Hercules DOS command for spectral display (QST 1/92)
field_day_92	- field day rules for 1992

florida_antenna - Florida State antenna law info
 guide2newsgroups - description of USENET newsgroups dedicated to radio
 ham_sat_sum - summary of information needed to get on satellite
 hams_on_usenet - list of ham operators and e-mail addresses on the net
 hamstacks - information about the question pool stacks
 handicap_waiver - info on obtaining a handicapped test waiver
 hf_rigs - QST reviews of available HF rigs
 ht_info - general information about commercial hand helds
 icom_ic_w21at_mods - increases the number of bands on an Icom IC W21AT
 intro_to_sw1 - info for aspiring short wave listeners
 intro_to_scanners - info for aspiring scanner listeners
 jlem.zip - Program, w/source, for 2kx8 ROM emulator (QEX 1/93)
 j-poles - description of j-pole antenna made from twin-lead
 keplerian_format - specification for format of keplerian elements
 lead_acid_batteries - essay on lead-acid batteries
 license_plates - guide to ham calls on license plates
 logos - PostScript logos for various ham organizations
 mail_order - a database of electronic mail order shops
 manufacturers - names and addresses of ham gear manufacturers
 mav11.ps - postscript image of MAV-11 amplifier PCB (QEX 9/93)
 mlhacker.zip - newsletters about the MiniSport Laptop Hacker
 mods - directory containing radio modifications
 motorola_ge_service_man - how to get service manuals for Motorola and GE rigs
 nasa_select - places where you can hear NASA SELECT broadcasts
 new_packeteers - helpful essays for new packeteers
 newcomers - tips and hints for those new to amateur radio
 nprm_93-85_text - text of docket 93-85 (message forwarding systems)
 nprm_93-305_text - text of docket 93-305 (vanity call system)
 oe_m1_review - review of the Optoelectronic M1 Handicounter
 oe_3000a_review - review of the Optoelectronic 3000A Handicounter
 packet_clubs - organizations you can get more packet info from
 packet_gateways - list of gateways from packet to Internet
 packet_header_standard - description of BBS message header standards
 packet_misc - miscellaneous packet info
 packet_software - list of packet software versions
 phone_bbs_list - phone BBSs for ham related issues/software
 pio_handbook - ARRL Public Information Officer's Handbook
 postscript_610 - postscript code to print an FCC form 610
 pr_docket_92-136 - text of FCC PR Docket 92-136
 qex1193.ps - Postscript image of 13cm preamp board, 11/93 QEX "RF"
 qexfq194.zip - Pascal program for PC frequency counter, Jan 1994 QEX
 qsl_bureau1 - information about the ARRL QSL bureau
 qsl_bureau2 - "what should I do if" list for the QSL bureau
 qst_prodrev - index of ARRL product reviews in QST
 quest_pool_novice - novice question pool - good after 7/1/93
 quest_pool_technician - technician question pool - good after 7/1/93
 quest_pool_general - general question pool - good before 6/30/94
 quest_pool_advanced - advanced question pool - good before 6/30/95

quest_pool_extra - extra question pool - good before 6/30/96
 rfi_tips - good posting about RFI
 sol_geo_data - description of daily solar geophysical broadcasts
 sol_terra_terms - glossary of solar-terrestrial terms
 sstv_wefax_info - general help for SSTV and WEFAX users
 tasm.zip - table-driven assembler for weavrdsp.zip file
 txt2epm.zip - morse code ID generator programming utility (QEX 2/94)
 usenet_purchases - tips on buying and selling via USENET
 vlf_elf_references - references for info on VLF and ELF radio
 weavrdsp.zip - src to "Weaver Method Modulator Using DSP" (QEX 9/93)

For readers of this newsgroup both new and experienced, these files are a de-facto "Required Reading List" to provide definitive answers and pointers to other sources for questions that come up in this forum.

This is also your archive, so any additional articles, guides, or small PostScript graphics that you feel would enhance this collection are most welcome. Submit to Devon via his E-mail address above.

Thanks go to Devon Bowen, KA2NRC, for providing diskspace and maintaining these valuable archives, as well as all the authors who wrote and submitted the information contained in them.

Additional archives out there that have /pub/ham-radio directories are encouraged to "mirror" these files to provide redundant storage for these documents. Some of these sites (which may or may not mirror ftp.cs.buffalo.edu) include:

ucsd.edu	/hamradio
nic.funet.fi	/pub/ham
	/pub/dx
csseq.cs.tamu.edu	/ham-radio
suntan.tandem.com	/hamradio
col.hp.com	/packet
ftp.cs.buffalo.edu	/pub/ham-radio
bubba.business.uwo.ca	/hamster/ham
	/hamster/tcpip
	/hamster/mods
	/hamster/view
vax.cs.pitt.edu	/pub/arrl8
	/pub/ka9q
	/pub/ncpa
	/pub/tnc2
brlga.cc.uq.oz.au	/pub/ka9q
tomcat.gsfc.nasa.gov	/public
helios.tn.cornell.edu	/pub
wuarchive.wustl.edu	/mirrors/msdos/hamradio
	/mirrors/msdos/packet

	/mirrors/msdos/ka9q-tcpip
	/mirrors/cpm/hamradio
	/mirrors/cpm/packet
	/mirrors/misc/hamradio
	/mirrors/misc/packet
	/mirrors/misc/ka9q-tcpip
gatekeeper.dec.com	/pub/net/ka9q
sun.soe.clarkson.edu	/pub/ka9q
sics.se	/archive/packet
	/pub/packet-incoming
sabrina.dei.unipd.it	/pub/hamradio
uhunix2.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu	/incoming/ham-radio
caticsf.cati.csufresno.edu	/pub/ham-radio
ftp.waseda.ac.jp	/pub/toumon/ham-radio
garfield.catt.ncsu.edu	/pub/hamradio
plan9.njit.edu	/pub/hamradio
sunee.uwaterloo.ca	/pub/radio
grivel.une.edu.au	/pub/ham-radio
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu	/pub/ham-radio
iraun1.ira.uka.de	/pub/ham-radio
nic.switch.ch	/software/hamradio
	/software/mac/ham-radio
iesd.auc.dk	/ham-radio
akutaktak.andrew.cmu.edu	/aw0g (softkiss-mac)
gandalf.umcs.maine.edu	/pub/ham-radio # ls -l NO !)
rtfm.mit.edu	/pub/usenet/news.answers/radio
tamu.edu	/pc-sig
ftp.geo.brown.edu	/pub/hamradio
ns.risc.net	/ham-radio
oak.oakland.edu	/pub/hamradio
ftp.fidonet.org	/pub/fidonet/ham
ftp.halcyon.com	/pub/fidonet/ham
ftp.fcc.gov	/pub
ftp.demon.co.uk	/pub/ham

Questions about FTP mirroring and access to appropriate software should be directed to me, or do an Archie search on the keyword "mirror."

For those without FTP access (and only those without FTP access, please), there is an FTP mail server at ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com. Send the word "HELP" to this address for more information.

Additional documents on Usenet and other newsgroups may be obtained from rtfm.mit.edu via anonymous FTP or via mail server (send the word "HELP" to mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu).

The American Radio Relay League has recently made available a mail-server to distribute many of their informational documents in

electronic form. Send E-mail to info@arrl.org with "HELP" in the message body for more information. These files are also mirrored on oak.oakland.edu.

Yet another mail-server has been made available by Steve Harding, KA6ETB. Send E-mail to ham-server@grafex.sbay.org with "HELP" in the message body for more information.

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73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

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Date: 15 May 1994 15:22:41 +0300
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!EU.net!sunic!news.funet.fi!
news.cc.tut.fi!proffa.cc.tut.fi!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: sacred freqs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Derek Wills (oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu) wrote:

> The point of my original posting was nothing to do with nets,
> obscure or not. I merely pointed out that 14195, 21295 and
> 28495 are internationally-recognized spots for DXers to gather.

Looking at the IARU (International Amateur Radio Union) Region 1 HF band plan the only frequencies specially allocated for intercontinental DX are 3.5-3.51 MHz (CW) and 3.775 - 3.8 MHz (phone).

In the band plan it is stated that there can be recommended meeting points for special interest groups (QRP, AMTOR etc.), but this doesn't mean exclusive use of a certain frequency.

The situation in Region 2 should be similar.

The full text of the corresponding IARU Region 2 band plan should be checked to see what applies to North and South America.

Paul OH3LWR

Date: Fri, 13 May 94 19:52:30 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!math.ohio-state.edu!news.acns.nwu.edu!news.eecs.nwu.edu!

tellab5!balr!ttd.teradyne.com!news@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Was this a bad idea?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> smithson@ACM.ORG writes:

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>> In article <2q9tks\$npn@illuminati.io.com>, hoagy@illuminati.io.com (Sir Hoagy
>> >

>> >"This is unlicensed Matthew T. Rupert. I've got a bad accident
>> > out here at <such and such>. Need ambulance and emergency response.
>> > Will stand by and repeat"

>> >

>> >Since I was unlicensed, was it illegal for me to use my radio
>> >on an amateur frequency for this situation?

>> >

>> It was technically illegal, but I do believe there are provisions in the law
>> to accomodate 'good samaritan' actions.

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> No, it was NOT technically illegal! The Communications Act
> specifically states <paraphrased> that in the event of threats
> to human health or safety or destruction of property anything
> reasonable goes.

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Tell that to the Ham in California who had his equipment confiscated (with the
tacit approval of the FCC) when he used a 2M HT on a Public Safety frequency
to call in Emergency Medical assistance, after other methods of communications
failed (ham, Cell Phone).

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